

**Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2007
Medal of Honor Hall
California Department of Veterans Affairs
1227 O St., Sacramento, CA 95814**

Participants

DVBE Advisory Council Members

Allen Amaro, Larry Brooks, Robert Brown, Gene Farnsworth, Don Gonneville, Manuel Gonzales, Gary Herbold, Michael Johnson, Floyd Knox, Bob Mulz, Kevin O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Ken Shoemake, Francis Trottier, Timothy Voors, Robert Yaap

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA)

Jack Kirwan, California DVBE Advocate, Veterans Services Division; Robert Johnson, Director, Capital Development and Construction Division; Stewart MacKenzie, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division; Bob Beamer, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division

Department of General Services (DGS)

Will Bush, Interim Director; Eric Mandell, Manager, Communications & Outreach; Gloria Anderson, Manager, Office of Small Business & DVBE Services; Lori Okamoto, Communications & Outreach Coordinator; Melodie Cato, Office of Small Business & DVBE Services

Absent DVBE Advisory Council Members

Allen Amaro, Robert Brown, Michael Johnson, Kevin O'Connor, Ken Shoemake

Guests

Copy of guest sign-in available upon request

Standing Committee Meetings:

Legislation, Procurement, State Agency and Outreach Focus – 8:30-10:00a.m.

- **Welcome and Introductions 10:00 a.m.**

Jack Kirwan

- **Approval of Minutes 10:05 a.m. ~ October 18, 2006**

Motion: R. Brown, 2nd Motion: T.Voors ~ Passed

Business Items

- **GLAVC Veterans Homes Update - 10:10 a.m.**

Robert Johnson, Director, Capital Development and Construction Division

Dr. Johnson gave a full update on the GLAVC project and reiterated the risk of mandating an SB115 type incentive with contractors. The GLAVC project could be stopped because of a bid-protest, and tabulated bids are due to the USDVA by March 18, 2007. If CDVA missed that deadline the GLAVC monies would go to other States projects'. He stated that the winning bidder, and their subs, must have health care building experience, as criteria of winning the bid, and those good faith efforts would be very closely scrutinized. The order of projected home openings is to be: Lancaster, Ventura, and Los Angeles.

- **DGS Update: - 10:45 a.m.**

Gloria Anderson, Manager, Office of Small Business & DVBE Services

Gloria said Will Bush would replace Ron Joseph, as Interim Director of DGS, and that Mr. Bush completely supports the DVBE program. She made the announcement that On-Line Certification will have a "soft" rollout this month, and after February small businesses and DVBE's will be offered a paper, or online application. There will be a demonstration of the On-Line Certification at the January 30, 2007 Advocates meeting. All SB / DVBE's will be enrolled by DGS in the Subscription Outreach Service (SOS) at the time of their certification. She asked that all current DVBE's please update their key word and other contact information on their DGS page. The details of SB115 regulations are still in development. All SB / DVBE Activity Reports are in for 05/06, and are more complete than ever before. February 1, 2007 the mid-year Activity Reports are due. Council member, Manuel Gonzales asked if there is an audit process to verify the reported Agency numbers that are submitted to DGS? Gloria Anderson is going to get some answers on how systems, processes, and methods are used in the Agency DVBE reporting process. Council member, Manuel Gonzales asked if there is an audit process to verify the reported Agency numbers that are submitted to DGS? Gloria Anderson is going to get some answers on how systems, processes, and methods are used in the Agency DVBE reporting process.

Melodie Cato, Office of Small Business & DVBE Services

Melodie stated that as of January 1, 2007 the Small Business three year averaged gross receipts limit has been raised to \$12 million. The Micro Business average is now at \$2.75 million.

Update on Advocate Workgroup- 11:45 a.m.

Lori Okamoto, Communications & Outreach Coordinator

Lori went through the tentative DGS Outreach calendar and stressed attendance at the April 11, 2007 L. A. Vendor Fair.

LUNCH— 12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Business/Discussion Items

- **Approval of New Council Member – 1:00 p.m.**

Don Gonneville

Anticipated new member paperwork was not submitted.

- **Committee Reports- 1:10 p.m.**

Council may vote/take action upon committee recommendations
(5-10 minutes per Standing Committee)

Tim Voors, Chair, Legislative Committee

Tim discussed GO156, the PUC, and their 1.5% DVBE goal. Referencing the 2001 report on the PUC, Tim said that after consultation with veterans groups the PUC originally agreed to a 1.5% “ramp-up” goal. Unfortunately, it’s 17 years later, and the PUC is still “ramping up”. Tim made a motion, seconded by Larry Brooks, to recommend that CDVA contact the PUC and ask them to comply with the M&VC 3% goal. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Council Forum: Member Reports- 2:00 p.m.**

No reports.

- **Public Comments – 2:05 p.m.**

(Limited to three minutes per speaker, the Council will not comment)

No public comments.

- **Closing Remarks & Next Meeting Dates: April 12, 2007**

Don Gonneville & Jack Kirwan

Adjournment – 2:10 p.m.

Any questions, please contact:
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